

April 10, 2000

TO: Federal-State Management Group

FROM: Mary Selkirk

SUBJECT: Meeting Outcomes, April 4, 2000

The following is a brief summary of outcomes from the CALFED Federal-State Management Group meeting held on Tuesday, April 4, 2000.

1. **Announcements and Followup** - Dick Daniel substituted for Steve Ritchie, who was attending a hearing at the State Capitol.
 - Report back on CALFED Science Program - The most significant information contained in the April 3, 2000, memo from Steve Ritchie to the Management Group on the development of the CALFED Science Program included:
 - Members of the Science Oversight Team (SOT)
 - Randy Brown, California Department of Water Resources
 - Perry Herrgesell, California Department of Fish and Game
 - Marty Kjelson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Wendy Halverson Martin, CALFED Bay-Delta Program
 - Tim Ramirez, California Resources Agency
 - Larry Smith, U.S. Geological Survey
 - SOT will:
 - Provide a recommendation on structure and functions of the Science Program consistent with the emerging governance structure.
 - Provide leadership responsibility for a number of actions and provide coordination and assistance on other actions as contained in the schedule outlined in the memo.

Larry Smith reviewed a number of items SOT is involved in: Recruitment of an interim science leader; and prior to the arrival of the ISL developing a temporary science oversight team. The proposed Chief Scientist will require a nationwide search, which will be delayed until there is a more permanent CALFED structure in order to attract the calibre of the person needed. Wendy added that there will be a multiple audience outreach effort.

- **Outcome:** SOT to produce initial set of performance measures for entire program by April 15th.

- Report back on CALFED Governance Structure - Kate Hansel provided draft copies of "Post ROD Framework Agreement Outline", "Broad Public Advisory Group" and "Focused Public advisory Groups". She requested immediate reaction to the first item so that it could be included in the April 13th BDAC meeting packet. A number of suggestions were made which she will incorporate.
 - EIS/R Tiering Guidelines - Rick Breitenbach, Assistant Director of Environmental Compliance, provided Management Group with tiering guidelines, which were developed to ensure that the benefits of the CALFED tiering approach are realized by lead agencies, and to ensure that there will be a solid tie between the Programmatic EIS/EIR and second-tier environmental documents. The guidelines warn that if environmental documents for CALFED projects with potentially significant environmental impacts are not tiered from the Programmatic EIS/EIR, a number of significant issues could arise. The guidelines were distributed at this time for information only and will not go into affect until after the ROD. .
2. **North Delta Regional Plan** - Rob Cooke, CALFED staff, stated that CALFED will play two basic roles in the north Delta region. The first role is to implement CALFED's North Delta Improvements. Four actions are planned for implementation in Stage 1:
- 1) Restore tidal marsh and riparian habitat along Georgiana Slough, to create additional wildlife and fisheries habitat, increase levee integrity, and improve water quality (Action 22)
 - 2) North Delta ecosystem and flood control improvements, including the lower Mokelumne River (Action 23)
 - 3) Habitat development along the Mokelumne river corridor (Action 24)
 - 4) Study feasibility of Delta Cross Channel reoperation and a screened Sacramento River diversion at Hood (Action 25)

The second role is to coordinate CALFED activities with other Cosumnes and Mokelumne River restoration and flood control projects through the Mokelumne-Cosumnes Watershed Alliance (MCWA).

Several alternatives are being studied for flood control in the North Delta improvements:

- 1) Levee raising and channel dredging
- 2) South Mokelumne Bypass, which is expensive and significantly damaging to the environment.
- 3) North Mokelumne Bypass, which has set back levees and 2 weirs Staten Island Bypass would involve an intake below McCormack Williamson Tract and exit southwest corner of Staten Island. It is expected that flooding of Staten Island would occur only on a 10-year frequency.

On behalf of CALFED, Rob asked for agency involvement to provide staff help in project formulation.

Outcome:

- Dick suggested Rob prepare a memo to those agencies that are needed in the effort with specific/coordination requests.
 - Dick recommended that Rob sit down with Patrick Leonard, USFWS, to work out Patrick's concern about the North Delta Program planning process.
3. **State-Federal Discussions: Regional strategies (Bay-Delta Region)** - Alf Brandt delivered the newest presentation, which USBR has developed to brief top managers on its efforts in California. The thought is that there needs to be a regional approach on many of the issues, especially water quality and water supply.
 4. **April 19 Policy Group meeting** - Mary Selkirk, CALFED staff, lead discussion on Draft Agenda she submitted for consideration.

Outcome: Add "2000 Water Operations"